



Dear Pastor,

Mid-American Baptist Churches Region Youth team is excited to announce a new, life-changing opportunity for high school age students (grades 9-12) called **L6:40**. **L6:40** is an intense youth training program that focuses on developing mature Christ-like disciples to “Lead like Jesus.” This is a discipleship weekend that will help your students learn how to depend on God and influence others well. Based on Luke 6:40, “*The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher,*” the mission of L6:40 is to “*Equip students to lead like Jesus.*” The retreat weekend will utilize four Bible-based lessons that will challenge students to follow Jesus’ example in leadership and in their relationship with their Heavenly Father. We encourage you to consider sending mature, active youth from your church to this new discipleship experience.

The **L6:40 - “Lead Like Jesus”** weekend retreat will be held **August 2nd-4th** at First Baptist Church in Boone, IA. It is a Mid-ABC Region sponsored program, and it will be facilitated by Mid-ABC pastors and youth leaders. This unique training program focuses on four areas of discipleship growth.

FOUR LESSONS:

1. Follow the Voice (John 10:1–15)
2. Have Faith (Matthew 17:14–20)
3. Don’t Ask, Invite (Matthew 4:18–22)
4. Bring the Good News (Mark 5:1–20)

Following the retreat weekend, students will have the opportunity to commit to a school-year-long **L6:40** program that will meet five times either in person or via Zoom. **L6:40** is a serious commitment of time and energy, that we pray will be transformational. Building on the foundations laid at the retreat and using a mix of resources from current and past leadership programs (YLC), students will have the opportunity to receive training and grow in the areas of Personal Awareness, Faith, Leading and Serving, Mission and Ministry. Also, as a part of the program they will work with their adult sponsor and team to plan a Major Ministry Involvement program. Therefore, youth are encouraged to apply only if they are able to participate in the majority of the gatherings and online components.

Youth are encouraged to apply early, because space is limited to 20 participants. The cost for the entire program (retreat and follow up L6:40 program) is \$250, which includes lodging and meals. Each youth is responsible for travel to and from each session.

The **L6:40 - “Lead Like Jesus”** weekend retreat is \$50.00. Applications are due by July 14th for the program. Students will be selected by July 21st. The \$50 fee for the retreat weekend will be due prior to the August event. If the student chooses to continue the program, the balance of \$200 is due by the first event in September.

Sincerely,
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“SO THEN, JUST AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM, STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, AND OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS.” COLOSSIANS 2:6-7